

# PINECREST HEADLINES

Communication from the Head of School – Issue 18, 2006-07 – Wednesday, June 6, 2007

## News and Notes

This Thursday, June 7 (tomorrow), is the last day of school for both preschool classes. There is a preschool picnic/awards event at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 8, on the back playground. Preschool parents/families are strongly encouraged to participate and to arrive promptly at 10 a.m. so the ceremony can begin. Preschool year-end narratives will be distributed by teachers on Friday.

Friday, June 8, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., is the annual Read-in for second through fifth grade students. It will take place in the multipurpose room. Students must bring books to read and can bring a dry snack if they wish.

In this year's auction, I offered "Head of School For a Day." Ryan Corkill (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), whose parents had the highest bid in the live auction, will be the Head of School on Monday, June 11! There will be a whole-school assembly that morning where he will announce his special plans for the day.

It is tradition that the fifth graders graduating from Pinecrest leave behind a gift to the school. This year's fifth grade class will be presenting their gift to the school on Tuesday, June 12, at 9:15 a.m. The ceremony should last no more than 15 minutes; any interested parents are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, June 13, is the K-5 last day of school and a half day. Dismissal is at 12 noon and there is no after-care. There is regular bus service.

K-5 Field Day is on the last day of school – Wednesday, June 13. More information was distributed last week from Mrs. Browning about this special day! Any parents wishing to volunteer should please let Mrs. Strunk know; we are keeping a list of Field Day volunteers in the front office. Please note that Wednesday, June 13, is a half day with dismissal at 12 noon.

K-5 quarter 4 report cards will be distributed via backpack on the last day of school on Wednesday, June 13.

The K-5 Spring Music Program/Fifth Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 6 p.m., at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church at 8617 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. This is the same location as the holiday music program in December. Please take into account traffic when planning your trip to St. Matthew's to ensure that we can begin our program promptly at 6 p.m. It is expected that all K-5 children will participate.

Congratulations to the newly-elected 2007-08 Board of Trustees: Chair Susan Akers (parent of Tyler & Ellie Hohenstein, 5<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> grades); Secretary Brian Becker (parent of Kira & Scott, 4<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> grades); Treasurer Mary Strunk; Parent-at-Large Members Nate Carmody (parent of Brooke, K), Susan Cohen (parent of Libby, 4<sup>th</sup> grade), Shirley Corkill (parent of Ryan, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Steve Ginsberg (parent of Max, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Lyn Goodman (parent of Kyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), David Keen (parent of Jared, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Truc Mai (parent of Linh, Preschool 3), Agustin Martinez (parent of Claudio, 1<sup>st</sup> grade); and Faculty At-Large Member Janet Bleggi. As mandated by the school by-laws, I serve as Vice Chair of the Board.

Save the Dates: The first day of school will be on Tuesday, September, 4, and Visiting Day will be on Friday morning, August 31! Winter break is from Monday, December 17, 2007 – Tuesday, January 1, 2008, with school resuming on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, and spring break is from Monday, March 17 – Friday, March 21, 2008. The master school calendar will be sent to all this summer.

## Pinecrest Summer Pavilion

Camp welcome packets will be distributed soon to all campers. We now have over 140 campers registered, and the number continues to grow! There is still space left in many of the camp classes. Please continue to help us spread the word – word-of-mouth is our best advertising. Please check the summer camp section of our website or e-mail Mrs. Hartzler for more information – [summercamp@pinecrestschool.org](mailto:summercamp@pinecrestschool.org).

## Upcoming Dates

Wed., June 6	Grade 4 Authors' Tea – 2-3:30 p.m. – fourth grade classroom
Thurs., June 7	Preschool Last Day of School
Fri., June 8	Kindergarten Father's Day Breakfast – 9-10 a.m. – kindergarten classroom
Fri., June 8	Grade 4 & 5 Year-End Celebration Field Trip
Fri., June 8	Preschool NO SCHOOL / Preschool Picnic/Awards – 10 a.m. – back playground/sport court area (weather permitting)
Fri., June 8	Grade 2-5 Read-in – 1:30-3:30 p.m. – multipurpose room
Wed., June 13	K-5 Last Day of School / K-5 Half Day – 12 noon Dismissal – bus service available – no after-care
Wed., June 13	Quarter 4 Ends (47 days) / Quarter 4 Report Cards Distributed
Wed., June 13	K-5 Field Day – 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Wed., June 13	Graduation & K-5 Music/Awards Program – 6 p.m. – St. Matthew's United Methodist Church on Little River Turnpike (same location as Holiday Music Program in December)
Thurs.-Fri., June 14-15	Faculty Workdays (including CPR/First Aid training on Friday)
Mon., June 25	Pinecrest Summer Pavilion begins

## Celebrations/Appreciations

Thank you to the members of the 2006-07 Board who are not returning to the 2007-08 Board for their time and efforts: Mary Alice Catherina (parent of Richie, 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Worth Hester (parent of Nick & Cam, 5<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades), Mrs. Johnson, Karen Tamayo (parent of Maddie Purser, 1<sup>st</sup> grade), and Bart Valad (parent of Jackson, Palmer & Valerie, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 1<sup>st</sup> grades).

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and/or Ice Cream Social on Sunday! Thank you to the Ice Cream Social volunteers – Madelynn Arnold, Grace & Brian Becker, Vicky Carmody, Joyce Castro, Shirley Corkill, Lisa Layfield & Lee Wittle, Agustin Martinez, Julie Muir, Sherry Nicewonder, Mary Strunk, Karen Tamayo, and Steve Treharne – and a special round of applause for Val Treharne (parent of Jonny & Owen, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade & K) for her coordination of the event!

An advanced standing ovation for Teresa Rowe (parent of Misha, 4<sup>th</sup> grade) for again providing piano accompaniment for the children during the spring music program on June 13.

## Personal Note

The last day of school is an important milestone. For me, this means that a chapter of each of our lives is coming to a close. Another year filled with lessons, giving, understanding, growth, smiles, and laughter is culminating. I am proud to be part of the Pinecrest community, and I love having the chance to get to know and work with all of "our" children. Thank you for the support, enthusiasm, interest and kindness you have shown over the past year. 2006-07 has been a terrific, and I am looking forward to next year – Pinecrest's 50<sup>th</sup>! Have a safe and fantastic summer!

## Thought for the Day

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same again." (unknown)